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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH COMMON ENERGY POLICY

REF EC BRUSSELS 8052

1. ACCORDING TO SHOTTON, EC VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET'S DEPUTY
CHEF DE CABINET WHO FOLLOWS ENERGY MATTERS, THE COMMISSION
CONTINUES TO PRESS FORWARD WITH ITS FALL INITIATIVE TOWARDS
A COMMON ENERGY POLICY BUT RECOGNIZES NOW THAT THE TIME FRAME
OUTLINED IN THE REFTEL WAS OVER-AMBITIOUS. THE COMMISSION
IS NOW HOPING TO HAVE A PACKAGE READY BY THE END OF NOVEMBER
WHICH SIMONET COULD TRY TO SELL IN CAPITALS DURING DECEMBER
AND WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY AN EC ENERGY COUNCIL IN
JANUARY. SHOTTON BELIEVES THAT IF THE COMMISSION STAFF TRIED TO
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MEET THE MORE AMBITIOUS TIMETABLE, IT WOULD PRODUCE A SHODDY

SERIES OF DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE THE INTENDED EFFECT OF DEMONSTRATING TO THE MEMBER STATES THE NEED FOR ACTION NOW. SHOTTON REITERATED SIMONET'S STRONG INTEREST IN TRYING TO PUSH THROUGH A COMMON ENERGY POLICY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE COMMISSION SOMETIME IN 1976. SHOTTON IS AFRAID THAT IF THE MEMBER STATES DO NOT RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE UPCOMING COMMISSION INITIATIVE, IT WILL INDICATE THAT A COMMON ENERGY POLICY FOR THE COMMUNITY IS SIMPLY NOT IN THE CARDS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

2. THERE ARE FOUR COMMISSION PAPERS CURRENTLY IN PREPARATION: AN ANALYSIS OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE MEMBER STATES IN LIGHT OF THE COMMUNITY'S ENERGY OBJECTIVES; AN ANALYSIS OF THE COMMUNITY SUPPLY AND INVESTMENT NEEDS; AN ANALYSIS OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEED TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION; AND FINALLY, SIMONET'S OVERALL POLITICAL EVALUATION. GREENWALD

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